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Box Patent Application

Re: U.S. Continuation Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Based on Int'l. Appl. No. PCT/GB00/00321; Int'l. Filing Date: February 3, 2000
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: August 2, 2001
For: **Process For The Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives**
Inventors: Xiaobin ZHAO
Our Ref: 0623.1110001/JMC/TMS

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Request for Filing a Continuation or Division of an International Application (PTO/SB/13/PCT);
2. Application Data Sheet;
3. Authorization To Treat A Reply As Incorporating An Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*);
4. Preliminary Amendment;
5. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

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Process For The Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives

and naming as inventor:

Xiaobin ZHAO

the application comprising:

a. specification containing:

- i. 25 pages of description prior to the claims;
- ii. 3 pages of claims (23 claims);

b. 4 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-4); and

6. Two (2) return postcards.

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It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

DOCKET NUMBER	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
0623.1110001	CLASS	SUBCLASS		

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This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior international application Number PCT GB00/00321, filed on February 3, 2000 entitled Process For The Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives, which designated the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(c) or (d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

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	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	- 20 =		x \$18.00 =	
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	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$270.00 =	
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			Total of above Calculations =		
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			TOTAL =		

1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
3. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a continuation divisional of the international application number PCT __/_____, filed _____, (status, abandoned, pending, etc.)."

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6. A declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed.
7. Priority of foreign application number 9902412.7, filed on February 3, 1999 in Great Britain is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) - (d).
- The certified copy is enclosed.
8. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
9. Assignee: The name of the assignee is: Vitrolife UK Limited.
 Also enclosed: Application Data Sheet
 Authorization To Treat A Reply As Incorporating An Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

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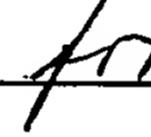
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